

## Final Program Productivity Reports: KCTCS and Lexington Community College

Action: The staff recommends that the council accept the final productivity reports of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Lexington Community College.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Lexington Community College completed the final phase of their review of degree programs producing few graduates. LCC had only three such programs. It is making significant efforts to improve student recruitment and retention. The KCTCS will close five programs, alter 18, and retain six programs that provide other valuable services to the colleges.

For the altered and retained programs, KCTCS colleges also are working to improve student recruitment and retention. They are adding certificates to associate programs so students can earn a credential and go to work if they so choose. For example, they created certificates for a real estate program to meet licensure needs of the students in the program who do not want to earn an AAS degree in real estate at this time.

This review began fall 2000 (alternating with reviews on university campuses beginning in odd-numbered years). For the KCTCS and LCC, the council staff identified 22 percent of the total associate programs offered (32 of 146) as potentially low-degree productivity programs (defined as granting less than an average of 12 degrees per year). The attached chart gives details by community college. The technical colleges were excluded from the review because none have had degree programs in operation for more than four years.

The academic program productivity review process is described in the November 8, 1999, July 17, 2000, and February 5, 2001, agenda items.

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Community College	Total Number of Programs*	Programs Reviewed	Low- Productivity Programs	Low-Productivity Program Decisions					
				Program Closures		Programs Altered		Programs Retained	
KCTCS Community Colleges									
Ashland	7	3	0						
Elizabethtown	9	6	1			1	100%		
Hazard	11	5	2			2	100%		
Henderson	10	5	2			2	100%		
Hopkinsville	9	7	4			4	100%		
Jefferson	22	16	5	1	20%	3	60%	1	20%
Madisonville	13	9	6	2	33%	3	50%	1	17%
Maysville	8	5	1			1	100%		
Owensboro	12	7	3	1	33%	1	33%	1	33%
Paducah	8	5	1					1	100%
Prestonsburg	7	3	0						
Somerset	6	5	2					2	100%
Southeast	10	6	2	1	50%	1	50%		
Total KCTCS	132	82	29	5	17%	18	62%	6	21%
Lexington Community College	14	12	3					3	100%
Total KCTCS & LCC	146	94	32	5	16%	18	56%	9	28%

\* Includes new programs not subject to productivity review.